



Memorandum

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To: Transfers Agency Group

From: Rick Soehren
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Subject: Next Meeting of Transfers Agency Group

Thank you for your participation in the Transfers Agency Group. The next meeting of this group will be on Tuesday, June 10, 1997 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 1142 of the Resources Building.

The discussion at our first meeting confirmed the nearly overwhelming complexity of administrative, technical, and policy issues surrounding water transfers. It is challenging to work on any single narrow aspect of transfers, and almost impossible to grasp all the issues at once. Some members of the Group have suggested that it may be appropriate to lay out our deliberative process and reach agreement on each of the steps as we proceed. Toward that end, it may be helpful to discuss and reach agreement on some fundamental assumptions of a CALFED water transfers policy. The enclosed draft list of assumptions may help start our discussion.

Previously, CALFED drafted a discussion paper on water transfers. In response to comments from CALFED agencies, we have revised that paper and the revised draft is enclosed. To some extent this paper touches on several of the steps we will need to follow, from fundamental assumptions, to program objectives, to actions that CALFED might take. Additional thought on a deliberative process will probably help us to refine this paper. For now, your informal comments on this second draft would be welcome.

At the May 22 meeting of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council, the formation of a BDAC Transfers Work Group was announced. I hope that by the TAG meeting on June 10, I will have additional developments to report to you.

Enclosures

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The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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